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THE ARBITRATION TREATY.

A few weeks ago a national arbitration association was formed in Washington to promote an arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain.

The movement was evidently backed by the best thought of the country, and is intended to proceed from the people onward until it impresses the government.

With men like Cardinal Gibbons, Jacob Dickerson, General Miles, Bishop Potter, Archbishop Ireland, Judge Gray, Edward Everett Hale and others of equal influence and dignity, and of all parties and religious denominations, promoting such a treaty, it is to be regretted that a constant note of opposition and of bitter antagonism is heard, caused by prejudice that had its radix in long past events to which this country was not a party.

During the coming campaign there may be no time to promote this movement, but it is to be hoped that next year public opinion on the subject will be made known to the government in such positive form that the initial steps will be taken by the two governments to bring it about.

One statement of the opposition is conspicuously erroneous. This is to the effect that an arbitration treaty violates the advice of Washington's farewell address against entangling alliances.

THE ALICE ROOSEVELT INCIDENT.

President Roosevelt was undoubtedly mortified that his daughter, Alice, should engage in betting on a public race track, and we may assume was somewhat angered that an officious camera fiend should photograph the young lady as she was in the act of placing a bet with one of the commissioners, says the Telegram.

In connection with this betting incident there are two features disclosed that are regrettable. In the first place, reprehensible is the vulgar curiosity of the public, which prompted the photographer to take a snap shot at Miss Roosevelt, not because she was doing anything that hundreds of other ladies were doing without the slightest impropriety, but because she was the president's daughter, and was doing what straight-laced Mrs. Grundy says presidents' daughters should not do.

other boys and girls, but in that fact there is no warrant for subjecting them to unpleasant notoriety because of the fame, dignity and standing of their parents. Admitting that Miss Roosevelt was guilty of an impolitic act, it is not a matter in which the public has any legitimate concern.

ARGUMENT AGAINST LARGE FAMILIES.

Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews, of the Nebraska State University, lecturing to the medical students, said yesterday that 10 children were too many in one family, especially where the parents are poor.

There is no doubt that Dr. Andrews voices the domestic philosophy of a good many American families, and there is some reason to his argument, says the Bulletin. An extra child or two makes a great deal of difference in the economic arrangements of a city family, and a very large proportion of the population of the country is now grouped in cities.

On a farm a few children more or less makes little difference in the year's expense. All the food they can eat is produced on the land, there is hardly any outlay for clothes, and the children, by doing chores, earn their board and lodging.

"Race suicide," therefore, is a phenomenon of the cities and is one of the many hastening ills that come when wealth accumulates and men decay. City life in the long run produces radical deteriorations. Families die out in the city after a few generations.

City life has a tendency to undermine the old-fashioned notions of the duty and beauty of having large families of healthy sons and daughters. The urban Carnelia does not boast of her progeny as her jewels. Children nowadays in the cities are regarded as pinchbeck jewelry at the best.

It is the purpose of the democrats to have 400 seats in the arena at their St. Louis national convention. Every seat will be occupied. Every occupant will have a policy of national politics.

The devout residents of several Indiana towns were forced this year to attend Easter services through the medium of boats, wending their watery way through canals that had been streets.

A Los Angeles man, having reached the age of discretion indicated by sixty-four years and having received a sentence of two years' imprisonment for forgery, asked the court to commit him to the penitentiary for life.

After weeks of a wearying game of hide and seek on sea Japan and Russia have progressed in belligerency far enough to engage in a land battle on the soil of Korea. The list of casualties thus far reported wouldn't make a showing respectably warlike enough for an ordinary football game.

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